

The Voice

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Renew



Recapture



Respond

A Message from OSO President Melodie McGee



Greetings, it's a beautiful day today in our OSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society neighborhood!

As we begin our biennium together **Renew** your commitment to becoming a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. **Recapture** women educators to become or reinstate their membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society chapters and then **Respond** to the needs of women educators worldwide by making a difference in their lives.

Melodies' Meaningful Memories . . .

- **Renew** your commitment when you first decided to become a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, along with reviewing the meaning of the seven purposes for Women Educators.
- **Recapture** women educators to become members or reinstate their membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society OSO Chapters; along with encouraging OSO Chapter programming that will promote personal and professional growth opportunities for women educators.
- **Respond** to the worldwide needs of women educators through the Key Initiatives that are promoted from DKG International including Schools for Africa, DKG/UN, and Supporting Early Career Educators.

We will reveal at our July Leadership Chairs and Related Personnel Training our new OSO initiative that will be promoted and implemented during this 2023-2025 biennium on (Saturday July 29, 2023, at 10:30 AM which will be at the Northside Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library, 1423 N. High Street, Columbus, OH, 43201 Meetings Rooms 2 and 3).

Our state committees are 98% complete! If you would still like to serve in any way, we would still welcome you to volunteer to join a committee to **Respond** to the needs of service in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Ohio State Organization by contacting me at president@dkgohio.org.

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Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

We would like to say a very special *Thank You* to all the many individuals who responded to the call, when asked to serve as a chair or on a committee, with a “YES!” I thank each of you for **Responding to the Call** to serve. Your committee chairs will meet individually with their committees by Zoom following our July 29th meeting to discuss Planning and Leadership strategies before our **Fall Executive Board Meeting on September 30th**! (More information to come on the dkgohio.org website)

Your New OSO Leadership Team has been getting ready for the next two years by...

- 🌹 Establishing Official State Officers and Committee Chair/s with email information.
- 🌹 Preparing a New Exciting Membership Challenge that will be presented/launched during the September 30th Executive Board Meeting.
- 🌹 Revealing our new biennium Educational Excellence Initiative to **Respond to and make a difference to the needs of individuals within our Ohio communities** at our July 29th meeting.
- 🌹 Created a chapter program handbook to provide chapters with information to complete their own chapter program books.
- 🌹 Encouraging the continued merging of the Membership and Expansion Committees to plan growth and expansion opportunities along with strategies to develop resources to nurture, strengthen, and expand our OSO chapters.
- 🌹 Organizing a Leadership Training meeting for the State Committee Chairs and Related Personnel on July 29th.

Our new biennium garden of roses is just beginning to be planted. It will take each of us working together to allow them to take root, be fertilized with our plans and nurtured/watered, and sometimes pruned in order to prosper and grow. Together our OSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society Garden will continue to flourish and grow.

On behalf of your new 2023-2025 Leadership Team, we consider it an honor and a privilege serving you as officers in the Ohio State Organization for the next two years. We welcome your encouragement, your excitement, your words of wisdom, your talents, and your valuable teamwork as we work together in our OSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society neighborhood.

Let's continue to . . .



“May each of You Have a Bouquet of Red Roses in your lives every day...”

Melodie 

Upcoming Dates to Remember

July 11-16, 2023

International Conference
The Westin Book Cadillac
Detroit, MI

July 15, 2023

The Voice Deadline for August Newsletter

July 15, 2023

Chapter Treasurer Annual Report Due
Send copy to State Treasurer

July 22, 2023

State Officers & Advisory Committee Mtg
Northwest Library-Worthington Library
2280 Hard Rd., Columbus
Trillium Meeting Room @ 10 AM

July 29, 2023

Leadership Training for OSO Committees,
Chairs and Related Personnel
Northside Branch Columbus Metro Library
1423 N. High St.
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 @ 10:30 AM



Alpha Pi Chapter
Judith Kay Dewald

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Beta Chi Chapter
Eileen Hazel

Beta Rho Chapter
Carol Mader

Delta Mu
Jean E. Wimer

Tiffany Shaw, Delta Phi Chapter



Tiffany Shaw, Delta Phi Chapter CO-President, has received a Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1,630. She plans to use her award to attend the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Core Training. DKG International Educators Foundation is pleased that a member from Ohio has received assistance to enhance her professional expertise.

Tiffany was also recently recognized as the Ohio Middle Level Association Educator of the Year. Congratulations, Tiffany!

Chapters Celebrate Founder's Day



Alpha Lambda Chapter celebrated Founder's Day with "Hats Off to Delta Kappa Gamma". We had fun portraying the International DKG founders by wearing hats symbolizing them and reading the script that can be found on the OSO website in the Chapter Presidents' section, at the bottom, "Programs, Ceremonies, and Music." Pictured are Lisa Abukamail, Debby Sheskey, Jane Morris Maynard, Kimba Ridgway, Nancy Smathers as Annie Webb Blanton, Chris Snoddy, Linda Fife, Mary Ann Hopple, and Lois Harkins.

What Can We Do To Promote DKG Membership in the Summer?

Summer is the perfect time of year to promote Delta Kappa Gamma membership! Venture out into your community and promote DKG. Set up a table at local fairs, farmers markets, festivals, library events, or other popular events in your area. Share literature available on the international website or create a pamphlet highlighting your chapter's special attributes.

Reach out to teachers and start a conversation to get to know them. Make them aware of how special DKG membership is to you!

Michele Maniskas, Alpha Xi
First Vice President
Membership Chair



Delta Delta Chapter presented an informative program to celebrate Founders' Day. Pictured are Julianne Carsone, Nancy Bolchalk and Brenda Ceplecci.



Alpha Upsilon Chapter celebrated Founder's Day with a program entitled, Hats Worn by Our Founders. Pictured are Jane Dietsch, Becky Doak, Jackie Thase Burch and Ruth Macklin.

Chapter News from Around Ohio



Gamma Phi Chapter members volunteered during setup days for the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati.



Alpha Eta Chapter member Nancy Rix volunteering at Crayons to Classrooms. The dots from the hole puncher kept sticking to her clothes.



Beta Psi Chapter members toured Meadowview Growers and had a workshop on what to plant in your spring garden. The ladies are holding the lovely lilies they were given to take home! Pictured are April Holten, Claudia Stephens, Janet Hess, Debbie Owens, Dena Wilson, Jacque Tasso (with a red geranium), Ruth Hogsten, and Bonnie Redden.



Gamma Theta Chapter awarded Brynna Wright the Gamma Theta Chapter Grant-in-Aid Memorial Scholarship of \$750. Pictured from left to right: Gamma Theta President Hannah Fairbanks, Grant-in-Aid Memorial Scholarship recipient Brynna Wright, and Grant-in-Aid Memorial Scholarship Chair Sally Vaidean-Lauer.



Nu Rho members participated in repacking at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as their final service project of the year. Pictured are Lydia Martin, Lageita Holloway, and Charleen Johnson-Miller who served along with Janis Arnold, not shown.

2023 OSO/ADSOEF Biennial Seminar History in the Hills

The 2023 Biennial Seminar was held in Gallia and Jackson Counties in the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Ohio on June 8 through June 10. OSO members gathered at the Quality Inn in Gallipolis on Thursday evening for the opening comments and dinner served by the hotel staff. Jeanne Jindra, the Director of the Welsh Studies Center at the University of Rio Grande, spoke about the history of the Welsh settlers in Gallia and Jackson Counties. Afterwards, members enjoyed fellowship and card games.

The Fun Bus arrived at 8 AM Friday morning to take the attendees to the various spots of interest: the John Gee Black Historical Center, the French Art Colony, Our House Tavern, lunch at Courtside Restaurant, Bob Evans Farm, Michael's Ice Cream, the Lillian Jones Museum, and a tour of Jackson Lake and Oak Hill. Unfortunately, the Welsh American Heritage Museum was closed for roof and HVAC repairs.

Dinner was served back at the hotel followed by entertainment by Musical Memories. Memories were made as members danced and sang to their requests. Some were even brave enough for karaoke!

After breakfast on Saturday morning, everyone checked out, loaded up in their own cars and drove to the Railroad Freight Station Museum then on to the University of Rio Grande's Archives with our host, Jake Bapst, who spoke about the origins of the University and some of its famous attendees.

Thank you to ADSOEF Directors Sandy Royer, Dr. Lois Harkins, and Dr. Norma Kirby for your patience and due diligence. Also, thanks to Director Sue Loader for the suggestion of the bus company – our driver was great! Thank you to Beta Alpha members Donna DeWitt, Mary Deel, Helenlu Morgan, and Jane Ann Slagle for your help in setting up the stops in Gallia County. And a shout out to Betsy Foreman for the encouragement and being my karaoke partner.

Debby Canter
Immediate Past State President



Jeanne Jindra, Director of the Welsh Studies Center at the University of Rio Grande.



The Fun Bus at Bob Evans Farm



The John Gee Black Historical Center



The Gallipolis Railroad Freight Museum.

